Discarded coaches

981. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bogies, coaches which are discarded elsewhere in the country are deployed in Southern Railway;

(b) the number of new coaches which have been deployed in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the details of total trains operating in Andhra Pradesh and their age?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Railway Coaches are not deployed on State/Province basis. Coaches are distributed and owned by Zonal Railways whose territory may extend over many provinces.

Increasing the number of ticket counters in Andhra Pradesh

982. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more ticket counters will be opened in different parts of Andhra Pradesh by the Railways;

(b) whether it is a fact that even now it takes a long time to buy a reserved ticket at Secunderabad and Hyderabad railway stations;

(c) whether senior officers have studied this problem;

(d) what steps will be taken to reduce crowd and queues at railway stations in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the steps proposed to open more computerised ticket counters in different parts of various cities in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The average time taken to buy a reserved ticket at